

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6-12 and 14-22 were pending with claims 1 and 17 being independent.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 17 and 18 have been amended to clarify the subject matter recited therein, and claims 19 and 21-22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6-12, 14-18 and 20 are pending of which claims 1 and 17 are independent.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the warm courtesy that the Examiner extended in scheduling and conducting the telephonic interview conducted on August 24, 2011 between the Examiner and the undersigned Attorney. In particular, Applicants deeply appreciate the instrumental suggestions that the Examiner provided during the interview as well as the patience and the attention-to-detail approach that the Examiner demonstrated during the interview.

With this Amendment, the context of the claimed subject matter has been clarified to distinguish the claimed subject matter from the cited Pirskanen and Sarkkinen references. In particular, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Sarkkinen nor Pirskanen is relevant to the context where “an indication indicating ... **point-to-point channel being used as MBMS channel type in a cell providing mobile communication service to the UE**”, as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claim 17, is received.

Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Sarkkinen nor Pirskanen is relevant to “upon receiving the information including the received indication, transmitting the uplink signaling message **including a request** for an RRC (Radio Resource Control) Connection establishment and constructed using the received indication”, as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claim 17. As is disclosed in Applicants’ specification, this step reflects Applicants’ proactive approach used in responding to the received indication (namely, “an indication indicating one of UE counting and point-to-point channel being used as MBMS

channel type in a cell providing mobile communication service to the UE”). By contrast, neither Sarkkinen nor Pirskanen is relevant to such a step reflecting the proactive approach.

Further, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Sarkkinen nor Pirskanen is relevant to “an uplink signaling message **including reason informaton**” indicating that one reason for including the request in the uplink signaling message is, for example, either “due to consideration of UE counting” or “due to consideraton of point-to-point channel being used as MBMS channel type in the cell”, as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claim 17.

Still further, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Sarkkinen nor Pirskanen is relevant to the response message as claimed in claims 1 and 17, which, for example, “includes configuration information **allowing the UE to configure a point-to-point channel for receiving MBMS services in the cell**” when the response message is received in response to the received indication indicating point-to-point channel being used as MBMS channel type in the cell.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, claims 1 and 17 should be allowable over the cited Sarkkinen, Pirskanen and Khawand (which, as a secondary reference, do not cure above-noted deficiencies of Sarkkinen and Pirskanen). The rejection of claims 1 and 17, as well as dependent claims 2, 3, 4, 6-12, 14-16, 18 and 20 (which incorporate subject matter recited in claims 1 and 17 by virtue of their dependency from claims 1 and 17, respectively), should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Should any/additional fees be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

Respectfully submitted,

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